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Rochester Police Department Honors the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

Sept. 10, 2021 – ROCHESTER, MINN. – In recognition of the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, Rochester Police Chief Jim Franklin has authorized a commemorative bar pin to be worn on officer and staff uniforms.

The pin recognizes the various locations of the attacks: two figures symbolizing the twin towers, a five-sided outline for the Pentagon and a keystone shape representing the state of Pennsylvania. The dates Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 11, 2021 appear below the words "never forget."

Chief Franklin shares, "It is important that as an agency we honor the nearly 3,000 people who died on 9/11, many of them first responders. The men and women who heroically rushed to rescue others that day represent what Rochester Police Department and all first responders are called to do – help those in crisis or times of need."

Several police officers shared their memories of the Sept. 11 attacks in this <u>short video</u> available on the Rochester Police Department's social media platforms.

The commemorative pins will be worn on uniforms for the entire anniversary year.

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